

Dear Jessica,

Like most Californians I too have been following our current drought situation. I have concerns regarding our water as it pertains to implementing use restrictions. Mainly the science of these pending regulations. Considering residential use only makes up 10 to 20 percent of our water consumption how does that math work?

Agriculture is culpable for most of the usage and although they may also be hurting they use the lion share of our water. So how can our 20% make up for the rest?

I have a friend who works for our water district who said 90% of the districts water goes to Agriculture. This person said the Ag. industry has not done their part with conserving... Farmers are still using damaged irrigation and often leave water emitters broken with water running with out use. Many with the mind set that the water doesn't cost or effect the way they currently operate?

I employ 22 full time construction workers doing swimming pool remodeling. These water restrictions have a drastic the effect on our ability to secure jobs, so this is very personal to my business. 22 family's should be able to provide for their children.

Obviously we all need to individually do our part. Though the Governor is using his power to wage a psychological campaign over water against residential users. I hope the Waterboard understands that you can not use blanket policies and regulations as a cure to our current situation.

Once again, where is the science behind the residential reductions, how can a percentage of 20% make up the difference of the REAL users?

Respectfully yours,

Richard Dietz